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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	<u>Expansion of Rural Health Services</u> <u>(North-Western State) (Supplementary</u> <u>Assistance) (NIR/75/133)</u>
Executing Agency:	World Health Organization (WHO)
Government co-operating agency:	North-Western State Government
Date of approval:	July 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	<u>1/</u>
Duration:	<u>2/</u>
Estimated value of the Government additional input expressed in US dollars:	\$3 656 200 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	\$ 240 100
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The project area is very poorly served by health services. No organized preventive services or immunization programmes have been available at the village level. The incidence of malaria is very high and the estimated infant mortality rate is 180 per 1,000 live births. The Government wishes to improve health services in an effort to provide a balance in development throughout the State with particular emphasis in rural areas.

2. The Basic Health Service Programme of the third National Development Plan (1975/1980) is now in its implementation phase and the state governments must bear increasing responsibility for the operation of primary health care delivery services. In the course of the Plan period the number of health clinics in the area covered by the project will increase from 145 to 360. In addition the quality of health care delivery in 120 dispensaries is being improved by providing additional trained female health staff.

1/ Project operations started under small-scale assistance in January 1976.

2/ The project duration, previously two years, has now been extended by three years.

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3. UNDP assistance in expanding training facilities, which was first approved as a small-scale, two-year project in 1975, has now been extended to cover the full five-year period.

II. The project

4. The objective of the project remains the development of a balanced and comprehensive health service network as a functioning system. In particular, the project will strengthen the capability of the Medical Auxiliary Training School, Sokoto; develop the curricula required for the female medical auxiliary, with special knowledge of maternal and child health; increase the annual intake of students; enhance the capability of the school staff through on-the-job training and attendance at up-grading refresher courses within Nigeria; and systematize and strengthen the supervisory capacity of the basic health service in the State, particularly at the village level.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of two nurse educators. The Government will provide counterpart staff, accommodation and support services.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	\$	m/m	\$	m/m	\$
Experts	48	144 000	67	236 500	115	380 500
Miscellaneous		-		3 600		3 600
		<u>144 000</u>		<u>240 100</u>		<u>384 100</u>

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